

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. A protective covering of operative dental instruments made from a thermoshrinkable material and having a form of an elongated elastic sleeve 1, with an elliptical cross-section before application;

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frontal and lateral surfaces of the elongated elastic sleeve disposed parallel to covered surfaces of a protected dental instrument 2, simultaneously holding a positive dimensional tolerance within a range of 1-20^{a/o} in compliance with the dimensions of the covered surface of the protected dental instrument 2; an axis cutting through its lateral side in a plane of a roll of some length, and creating flat symmetrical hinged ends 4 at the elongated elastic sleeve 1 on a side of an inserting hole 3.
